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REF: A. STATE 97955

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- (U) The United States continues to be involved at all levels in coordinating support activities for various 1540 Committee implementation activities, and this involvement has deepened through our strategic interest in full implementation of UNSCR 1540 -- which recently included consultations with P3 capitals, in-kind contribution discussions at Sandia National Laboratories on a 490K USG grant, a discussion of the way forward with key intergovernmental organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and an interagency backstopping update on December 16. See Refs A-D.
- (U) Washington requests formal Mission clearance for the U.S 1540 Coordinator to meet with USUN Political Section on January 5 (Michael Gordon) and others as appropriate, to provide an update on the interagency process, our strategic goals within the nonproliferation community, and priorities for 2009. Tentative approval was expressed by USUN in Ref E. In addition, per Refs F and G, Washington requests additional discussions to follow up with UN Office of Disarmament Affairs on milestones discussed at the December 2 planning meeting at Sandia National Laboratories.

13. (SBU) Requested itinerary:

Mr. Thomas A. Wuchte, U.S. 1540 Coordinator, Department of State, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, will arrive on or about 1/5, and depart on or about 1/6. Mr. Wuchte holds a TS clearance. His passport number is 910027629 and Department ID is No. 580546.

(U) No logistical assistance is required, aside from a UN pass for any meetings that may be required regarding the in-kind contribution discussion -- Mission assistance is appreciated. RICE